

**Table B-2. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and major field of degree: April 1997**

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate GPA		
		3.25 or higher	2.75 to 3.24	Below 2.75
All science and engineering fields.....	149,500	97,300	42,700	8,800
Major type				
Total science.....	102,500	67,300	28,600	6,200
Total engineering.....	47,000	30,000	14,100	2,700
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	18,200	12,500	4,300	1,200
Life and related sciences, total.....	15,300	8,600	5,500	1,300
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,500	1,500	S	S
Biological sciences.....	10,500	5,700	3,900	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	2,400	1,300	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,900	5,300	2,100	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,700	6,400	2,700	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,900	2,700	1,000	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,400	1,500	700	S
Physics and astronomy.....	3,000	2,100	800	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	26,400	18,300	6,900	1,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,100	16,400	7,100	1,500
Economics.....	4,100	2,900	1,000	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,100	5,600	2,100	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,200	3,200	800	S
Other social sciences.....	8,700	4,600	3,300	S
Engineering, total.....	47,000	30,000	14,100	2,700
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	1,000	400	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	1,400	400	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,500	3,600	2,400	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,100	11,500	4,000	S
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	1,900	1,200	S
Mechanical engineering.....	7,200	4,700	2,200	S
Other engineering.....	10,400	5,800	3,500	1,000

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability. GPA=Grade point average.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding and because a small number of graduates who reported that their undergraduate courses were ungraded are excluded.  
These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997